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FOR: COMPOSITE HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composite hollow fiber membrane comprising three or more layers of membrane comprising a three-dimensional net structure comprising a plurality of micropores comprising stacked lamella and microfibrils connected with the stacked lamella, wherein

one or more dense layer(s), thinner than an outermost layer and an innermost layer and

comprising micropores of a mean pore diameter smaller than that of the micropores of the

*said dense layer(s) being*

*said layer(s)*